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Dear Mary,

Jim Lesar told me about the Gay story in yesterday's Star. I've not seen it. The references to what I told him are less than precise if not actual misquotes. So I write to tell you that I did refer him to you on the origin and history of the police tape.

Gay is doing the nuts-and-bolts, so-called factual reporting on HSCA for the Star, O'Leary the political.

While I had no first-hand knowledge I was aware of reports that you have had the complete tapes for some time and that about two years ago Penn had a story by a Fort Worth man saying the crucial part holds a fourth shot. This is essentially what I told Gay. I also cited "old" and uncontroverted evidence of more than three shots and of one from the front. As I also did to David Martin of Newsweek. I recall referring him to Jim Tague but don't recall if I referred him to you.

It is unfortunate that I was not cued in (ditto for the Bronson film the reports on which were not in FBIHQ files but I got in adifferent suit and passed around and offered). I could have been more informative to more reporters. And on some unexpected radio broadcasts by phone.

I do what I can about making what I can available. As you know, where it is uncomplicated, as with the two ex sess transcripts, I give it away promptly. If I also take much time for the press. But I'm no longer a youngster of 60 and I remain without any help, so I am limited and overly committed in many FOIA cases.

There are reporters who do consult with me and I anticipate this will happen when the assassins' report is out. So I think it would be good for me to know what I can about the antecedents of the tape and similar matters. I'm sure I can as it is establish (th the impartial) that the assassins have come up with nothing except fabrications that is not directly or indirectly from the critics. (With Ray/King all from my C.A.75-1996 and a little from the 1974 evidentiary hearing.)

It did not know that you had made a complete transcript of the police tapes. Does it add materially?

Thanls for your card. Hope you are having a good holiday and that a good year lies ahead for all.

Sincerely,